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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 16 March 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

3 p.m.

96th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: draft resolution (A/55/L.75) [14]
2. Organization of work of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/239) [8]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE (Resumed first part)

10 a.m.

47th meeting

Conference Room 3

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Procurement-related arbitration (A/54/458 and A/55/829)

Conclusion of general discussion

(continued overleaf)

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/51 (Part II)).

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/55/127, A/54/866 and A/55/458); Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up audit of the implementation of procurement reform (A/55/746); and Procurement-related arbitration (A/54/458 and A/55/829))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (Human resources management (A/C.5/55/CRP.4, A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/C.5/54/21, A/55/499, A/C.5/55/CRP.1, A/53/955, A/55/168, A/54/257, A/55/427, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/55/CRP.5, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/33, A/55/751, A/55/57 and Add.1, A/55/514, A/C.5/55/CRP.2, A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1)); 116 and 123 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on senior-level appointments and comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/55/423 and Add.1)); and 116 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (A/54/793 and A/55/499))

* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 19 March 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE
(Resumed first part)

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 48th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 March 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

95th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/745/Add.5) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Cape Verde, Dominica and Madagascar had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]

- (a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/55/771)*
- (b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/55/769)*
- (c) *Curricula vitae (A/55/773 and Add.1)*

In accordance with article 13, subparagraph 1 (d), of the statute of the International Tribunal, the Holy See and Switzerland were invited to participate in the election of the judges of the International Tribunal.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and the Russian Federation.

The observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of 14 permanent judges of the International Tribunal.

In the first ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Carmel A. Agius (Malta), Mr. David Hunt (Australia), Mr. Claude Jorda (France), Mr. O-gon Kwon (Republic of Korea), Mr. Liu Daqun (China), Mr. Richard George May (United Kingdom), Mr. Theodor Meron (United States), Mr. Alphonsus Martinus Maria Orie (Netherlands), Mr. Fausto Pocar (Italy), Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica), Mr. Wolfgang Schomburg (Germany) and Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana) were elected members of the International Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 2001.

Two vacancies remained to be filled and the Assembly proceeded to a second round of balloting.

The result of the second ballot was inconclusive.

With two vacancies remaining to be filled, the meeting was suspended until the afternoon of the same day.

95th (resumed) plenary meeting

The representative of Madagascar announced that Mr. Jonah Rahetlah (Madagascar) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Burundi announced that Mr. Leopold Ntahompagaze (Burundi) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Cyprus announced that Mr. Demetrakis Stylianides (Cyprus) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Tunisia announced that Mr. Abderraouf Mahbouli (Tunisia) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

Two vacancies remained to be filled and the Assembly proceeded to a third round of balloting.

The result of the third ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Sweden announced that Mr. Krister Thelin (Sweden) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Colombia announced that Mr. Rafael Nieto Navia (Colombia) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Malaysia announced that Mr. Karam Chand Vohrah (Malaysia) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting to fill the remaining two vacancies.

In the fourth ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Mohamed Amin El Abbassi Elmahdi (Egypt) was elected a member of the International Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 2001.

The representative of Malawi announced that Mr. Richard Allen Banda (Malawi) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

One vacancy remained to be filled and the Assembly proceeded to a fifth round of balloting.

The result of the fifth ballot was inconclusive.

The Assembly proceeded to a sixth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

The result of the sixth ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Portugal announced that Mr. Almiro Simões Rodrigues (Portugal) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a seventh round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

In the seventh ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mrs. Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba (Zambia) was elected a member of the International Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 2001.

Thus, the fourteen members of the International Tribunal, elected for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 2001, are the following: Mr. Carmel A. Agius (Malta), Mr. Mohamed Amin El Abbassi Elmahdi (Egypt), Mr. David Hunt (Australia), Mr. Claude Jorda (France), Mr. O-gon Kwon (Republic of Korea), Mr. Liu Daqun (China), Mr. Richard George May (United Kingdom), Mr. Theodor Meron (United States), Mrs. Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba (Zambia), Mr. Alphonsus Martinus Maria Orie (Netherlands), Mr. Fausto Pocar (Italy), Mr. Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica), Mr. Wolfgang Schomburg (Germany) and Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 166.

Thursday, 15 March 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE (Resumed first part)

46th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up audit of the implementation of procurement reform (A/55/746); the inspection of the outcome of the consolidation of the three former economic and social departments into the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (A/55/750); the inspection of the consolidation of technical support in the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services (A/55/803)

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the aforementioned reports.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into possible fee-splitting arrangements between defence council and indigent detainees at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (A/55/759)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, China and the United States.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the aforementioned report.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under agenda items 127 and 128 would begin on Wednesday, 21 March, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Merchant (Norway).

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*Financing and conditions of service of ad litem judges
(A/55/517/Add.1, A/55/756 and A/55/806)*

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Thursday, 15 March, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Merchant (Norway).

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statistical report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/55/525)

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The Director of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs replied to a question raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed that the Secretariat prepare a draft decision for the consideration of the Committee by which the Committee would recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the note of the Secretary-General on the budgetary and financial situation of the United Nations system (Statistical report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/55/525)).

The representative of India made a statement.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement-related arbitration

The Director of the General Legal Division of the Office of Legal Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/458).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/829).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the General Legal Division of the Office of Legal Affairs replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

